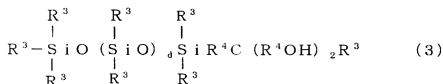
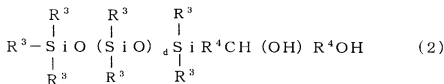


AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1. (currently amended) A dilatant fluid composition comprising:

(A) 100 parts by weight of an inorganic fine particle having a primary particle size of from 2 nm to 30 μm ;

(B) 0.5 to 100 parts by weight of a particle dispersing agent which is a polysiloxane diol represented by the general formula (2) or (3)



wherein each R^3 independently represents a C_{1-8} alkyl group or an aryl group having up to 8 carbon atoms, each R^4 independently represents a divalent group or a divalent substituent group having an ester bond or an ether bond, and d is an integer of $1 \leq d \leq 1000$; and

(C) 5 to 1000 parts by weight of a silicone ~~a siloxane~~ medium.

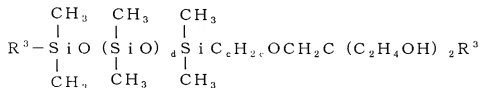
2. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is an inorganic particle having a primary particle size of from 2 to 50 nm.

3. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1 or 2, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is silica.

4. -- 7. (cancelled).

8. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a cyclic or linear dimethyl silicone oil or methylphenyl silicone oil.

9. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 1, wherein the particle dispersing agent of component (B) is a silicone oil having a hydroxyl group at one terminal therefore represented by the formula



wherein R^3 represents a C_{1-8} alkyl group or an aryl group having up to 8 carbon atoms, c is an integer of $2 \leq c \leq 5$, and d is an integer of $1 \leq d \leq 1000$.

10. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is an inorganic particle having a primary particle size of from 2 to 50 nm.

11. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9 or 10, wherein the inorganic fine particle of component (A) is silica.

12. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9, wherein component (C) is a cyclic or linear dimethyl silicone oil or methylphenyl silicone oil.